



Charter Amendment No. 2

This is the second of nine proposed [College Station City Charter](#) amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot.

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What you will see on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

FOR/AGAINST

Shall Article III (The City Council), Section 21 (Vacancies) of the College Station City Charter be amended to authorize a process to be followed to call an election in the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor and in the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor and all Council Members?

What does it mean?

If you vote **AGAINST** this proposition, you are voting to keep this section of the charter as it is; if you vote **FOR** this proposition, you are voting to make these changes:

ARTICLE III THE CITY COUNCIL

Vacancies *Section 21*

➤ ***The existing charter says:***

A vacancy in the City Council shall be filled by a special election which shall be called within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. If any such vacancy shall occur within ninety (90) days preceding a general election, then no special election shall be called; provided, however, that the unexpired term shall be filled at the next general election.

➤ ***The amended charter would say:***

A vacancy in the City Council shall be filled by a special election which shall be called within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. If any such vacancy shall occur within ninety (90) days preceding a general election,

then no special election shall be called; provided, however, that the unexpired term shall be filled at the next general election. **In the event the Mayor is unable to order the election for any reason, the remaining members of the City Council are authorized and directed to order the election and perform all other required actions incident to the election. In the event of vacancies in the offices of Mayor and all members of the City Council for any reason, the following persons, in the order prescribed, are authorized and directed to order the election and perform all other required actions incident to the election:**

- 1. City Manager**
- 2. City Secretary**
- 3. City Attorney**
- 4. Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court**

Why is this charter amendment on the ballot?

After reviewing the city charter for more than a year, the 10-member Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission in May recommended that eight charter amendments be placed on the ballot in a November special election. The commission's stated mission was to "review the city charter and make charter amendment recommendations, where appropriate, that will help protect the rights, powers and benefits of all College Station residents." Most of the recommendations were made to bring the charter in line with state law. The city council later added a ninth amendment about conflict of interest for council members.

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